

House Resolution No. 1138

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Joseph J. Whitter of Potosi, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on March 22, 2005, at the Potosi Correctional Center in Mineral Point; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2004, Officers Whitter, Faulkner, and Chipman responded to a fire alarm in a housing unit at the Potosi Correctional Center; and

Whereas, upon arrival it was discovered that the offender had set the materials in his cell on fire thereby creating a very dangerous life-threatening situation; and

Whereas, Officers Whitter, Faulkner, and Chipman immediately extinguished the fire and removed the offender from his cell, at which time they arranged for immediate medical attention from the medical unit; and

Whereas, Joseph Whitter's dedication to his profession, his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation, and his competence to react with sound judgement utilizing skills learned in Department training helped save the life of the offender; and

Whereas, initially hired by the Department of Corrections on September 25, 2000, Joseph Whitter has been blessed with the love and support of his wonderful wife, Tony A. Whitter:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of CO I Joseph Whitter and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer Joseph Whitter, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1138, adopted March 10, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker